

What is claimed is:

1. An electrical connector comprising a housing accommodating connecting terminals connected to distal ends of electric wires, said housing including locking arms for retaining said connecting terminals within the housing not to remove from a backside of the housing, and a front holder inserted into a front portion of the housing such that said locking arms are urged against the connecting terminals to enhance a locking force of the locking arms, characterized in that said front holder is movable with respect to said housing between a first position and a second position in a direction perpendicular to an axial line of the housing; in said first position of the front holder, terminal inserting holes formed in the front housing are aligned with axial lines of the connecting terminals installed within the housing such that upon engaging a cooperating housing with the housing, an electrical connection between the connecting terminals installed within the housing and associated connecting terminals installed within the cooperating housing is attained; and in said second position of the front holder, the terminal inserting holes are shifted out of the axial lines of the connecting terminals installed within the housing and arm operating holes formed in the front holder are aligned with the locking arms.

2. An electrical connector comprising a housing accommodating connecting terminals connected to distal ends of electric wires, said housing including locking

arms for retaining said connecting terminals not to remove from a backside of the housing, and a front holder inserted into a front portion of the housing such that said locking arms are urged against the connecting terminals to enhance a locking force of the locking arms, characterized in that said front holder is movable with respect to said housing between a first position and a second position in a direction perpendicular to an axial line of the housing; in said first position of the front holder, a cooperating housing is engaged with the housing to establish an electrical connection between the connecting terminals installed within the housing and associated connecting terminals installed within the cooperating housing and locking lances are urged against the connecting terminals; and said front holder includes arm pushing portions for releasing said locking lances in said second position of the front holder.

3. The electrical connector according to claim 2, wherein said arm pushing portions are formed as a projection, and said arm pushing portions are moved on a side of the locking arms when the front holder is moved from the second position into the first position.

4. An electrical connector comprising a housing accommodating connecting terminals connected to distal ends of electric wires, said housing including locking arms for retaining said connecting terminals not to remove from a backside of the housing, and a front holder inserted into a front portion of the housing such that said locking arms are urged against the connecting

terminals to enhance a locking force of the locking arms, characterized in that said front holder is movable with respect to said housing between a first position and a second position in a direction perpendicular to an axial line of the housing; in said first position of the front holder, a cooperating housing is engaged with the housing to establish an electrical connection between the connecting terminals installed with the housing and associated connecting terminals installed within the cooperating housing; and said front holder includes terminal pushing portions for pushing the connecting terminals backward during movement of the front holder from the second position into the first position such that a space is not formed between the locking arms and the connecting terminals in an axial direction.

5. The electrical connector according claim 4, wherein, said terminal pushing portions includes inclined portions for pushing said connecting terminals gradually.

6. The electrical connector according to claim 1 or 2 or 4, wherein in said first position, said front holder is locked with respect to the housing.

7. The electrical connector according to claim 1 or 2 or 4, wherein in said second position, said front holder is temporally locked with respect to the housing.

8. The electrical connector according to claim 1 or 2 or 4, wherein said first and second positions of the front holder relative to the housing are aligned in a direction perpendicular to a direction in which said connecting terminals and locking arms are arranged.

9. The electrical connector according to claim 1 or 2 or 4, wherein said first and second positions of the front holder relative to the housing are aligned in a direction in which said connecting terminals and locking arms are arranged.